

Claims

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method for controlling a media player, comprising:

determining at least one rule defining a predefined non-user event, said rule including at least one condition and an action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media player when said condition is satisfied;

analyzing input information characterizing a non-user event to identify said condition; and

performing said action item if said condition is satisfied.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said input information is generated by an information capture device.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said information capture device comprises at least one of a motion detector, biometrics sensor, visual capture device, or an audio capture device.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said non-user event comprises a non-user appearing in the vicinity of said media player.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said condition comprises detection of motion by said non-user.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said condition comprises a voice signal, associated with a non-user, that does not match a stored profile voice signal.

5 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said condition comprises a voice signal, associated with a non-user, that does match a stored profile voice signal.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein said condition  
10 comprises a visual image, associated with a non-user, that does not match a stored profile image.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said condition  
15 comprises a visual image, associated with a non-user, that does match a stored profile image.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said media player comprises a computer.

20 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said action item comprises changing a display of said computer.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said media player  
25 comprises a television.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said action item comprises changing a program channel of said television.

14. An apparatus for controlling a media player,  
30 comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory,  
said processor configured to:

determine at least one rule defining a predefined  
non-user event, said rule including at least one condition  
5 and an action item to be performed to automatically adjust  
said media player when said condition is satisfied;

analyze input information characterizing a non-  
user event to identify said condition; and

perform said action item if said condition is  
10 satisfied.

15. An article of manufacture for controlling a media  
player, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer  
15 readable code means embodied thereon, said computer  
readable code means comprising:

a step to determine at least one rule defining a  
predefined non-user event, said rule including at least one  
condition and an action item to be performed to  
20 automatically adjust said media player when said condition  
is satisfied;

a step to analyze input information  
characterizing a non-user event to identify said condition;  
and

25 a step to perform said action item if said  
condition is satisfied.